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A 54-year-old yachtsman who died of cancer and was buried at sea in The Devil's Triangle on March 24, 1926 was pulled from the ocean two weeks ago by fishermen who spotted his white canvas body bag bobbing in the waves. "Where am I?" he asked stunned rescuers.

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BIZARRE DISEASE TURNS 12-YEAR-OLD GIRL INTO 120-YEAR-OLD WOMAN

Miracle nun floats in the air and heals the sick!

Mom blows tot's head off for munching cookie too loud, say police!

Officials stunned! 26 tourists hear Beatles' hit at emperor's tomb

Tin skull whistles 'Yellow Submarine'

TIN skull on statue at emperor's tomb whistles the song "Yellow Submarine," say amazed witnesses.

By RAGAN DUNN

A replica of a human skull that guards the tomb of a European emperor whistles the Beatles' hit *Yellow Submarine* through its teeth, stunned witnesses report.

"It sounds crazy but I know what I heard," Axel Bartels told reporters in Vienna, Austria.

"My wife and I were with a group of 20 people who were admiring the skull and the tomb.

"Suddenly the skull began to whistle through its teeth. Everybody who heard it was flabbergasted. But we agreed that the tune was unmistakable.

"It was definitely that Beatles' song *Yellow Submarine*. And it whistled the whole thing before it quit."

The eerie skull is one of four feminine tin figures that have guarded the tomb of Hapsburg emperor Karl VI in Vienna since his death in 1740.

Public works officials responsible for maintaining the tomb are stunned by the reports that the skull guard has whistled *Yellow Submarine*. According to one department source, "If tourists have so far said they've heard the Beatles' hit at the emperor's tomb.

Dr. Gerd Minter, a sound and acoustics expert, examined the tin skull on each occasion. He has since said that he is 95 percent sure the whistling was not caused by any phenomenon known to man.

"I looked into the possibility that the whistling could have been caused by wind blowing through the skull's teeth but that is not the case," said the expert.

"We also thought that the skull might have been picking up and transmitting radio signals but the tin alloy it is made of simply could not do that.

"For the time being I have absolutely no explanations for it. I might add that I am particularly interested in the song that comes from the skeleton's teeth.

"Why *Yellow Submarine* instead of something else?"

Psychologist Josef Winkler has interviewed a dozen of the 26 people who claim to have heard the skull whistle.

He describes two of the subjects as "unstable," but says the others "are rock solid, sane and emotionally secure."

"The first thing we look for when people report something of this nature is a sign of mass hysteria," said Dr. Winkler.

"My investigation is not complete. But I'm confident that these people are telling the truth and really did hear the skull whistling.

"They most certainly aren't dreaming this up."

New machine sells panty hose

Gals with runs in their stockings will soon be able to run right out and replace them — by using vending machines that sell hosiery!

Babette Charles Corp. of Los Angeles has plans to stock nude, suntan, coffee, gray, black, white and taupe hosiery in machines and sell them for $3 a pair.

"It's a really good service for women," said a distributor for the Charles Corp. "If you come to work with a run, you don't have to leave your job and go shopping for panty hose."

Japanese diet is bad news for dolphins

JAPANESE hunter spears a dolphin. Meat is a delicacy in Japan.

By JOE BERGER

Ravenous Japanese diners can't get the whale meat they crave, so they're slaughtering tens of thousands of harmless dolphins — and cooking up Flipper feasts all across the country!

"Most Americans wouldn't even think of eating and eating something as cute and lovable as a porpoise. Yet here they're butchering them by the shipload," said Lara Wiley, a U.S. reporter in Japan.

"They're likely to kill 40,000 of them just in the next few months."

To the Japanese, dolphin is a delicacy — dried, fried, baked or boiled.

And now that a commercial whaling ban has put whale meat in short supply, the slaughter of dolphins has shifted into high gear.

Moody slabs of dolphin share counter space with eel, squid, fish and shrimp. By then, there is little left of the brainy animals' twinkling eyes and merry, built-in smiles.

"We eat dolphins because they are tasty and the meat is very good for you," said Kumo Teiji, a young businessman in Ito, a port city where thousands of the cuddly creatures are devoured each year.

"We don't think about how clever they are or how cute they look. Any more than you think about how dumb and ugly chickens are when you eat them.

"To us, they are just food, and many people are coming to love them even more than whale meat."

The Japanese are so fond of Flipper that they host Saturday night dolphin parties, serving up heaping bar bowls of dolphin stew and platters of dolphin sashimi.

MOST Americans wouldn't eat one of these — but the Japanese love 'em.

"Most Americans would never even turn your stomach," said reporter Lara Wiley. "But the Japanese dig in like it's going out of style.

"And if they keep it up, it won't be long before dolphins are just as scarce as the whales they ate into near-extinction."

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Judge's bizarre sentence has 'em rolling in the courtroom aisles!

340-lb. meat thief must go on vegetable diet for five years!

By LAUREL BOWIE

Steak-loving Franz Linke broke down and cried like a baby when a judge ordered him to serve five years' probation — on a strict vegetarian diet!

"Please, please, Your Honor, don't do this to me," pleaded the portly, 340-pound thief. "I can't live on carrots and peas and stuff like that for five years.

"You might as well sentence me to die."

But Franz's anguish touched off a roar of laughter in the Bonn, West Germany, courtroom where he was convicted of swiping 700 pounds of meat from a packing plant.

The steak-crazy crook told the court he made off with the meat because he's hankers over beef. He said he puts away more than 10 pounds of T-bones and tenderloins a day — and his food bill left him busted.

"I can't help it. I get weak if I don't have my steaks," Franz, 41, told Judge George Schmidbe.

But Judge Schmidbe ordered the wide-bodied bachelor to swear off steaks and all other meat for the next five years — or swallow a five year term in the pokey.

"Look at you! All that meat has made you so fat you can barely walk," the judge scolded.

"I'm going to give you a chance to mend your ways by adhering to a strictly vegetarian diet for five years.

"Your probation officers will monitor your eating habits. If they determine that you've eaten even one bite of meat, you'll be brought back here to serve a full five years in prison."

The bespectacled thief said he didn't know whether he could live with a meatless menu for five long years. "I don't even like vegetables," he whined.

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The kingsize thief's knees buckled and his face turned ghastly white when he heard the judge's bizarre order.

"That poor guy looked like a man who'd just been sentenced to the electric chair," said bailiff Eva Hertell. "His whole body sagged and he started to sob like a baby.

"He begged the judge to change his mind, but the judge would not budge. He said he was certain he was doing the right thing for everybody concerned.

"It looks like Mr. Linke will be crying 'Where's the beef?' for a long time."

Outside the courtroom, the trembling thief said he didn't

'He'll be crying 'where's the beef?' for a long time'

ANKLES AWAY!

The female body is designed so they can have babies — and that's why they're more likely than men to have ankle injuries!

University of Rochester, N.Y., head athletic trainer John Sarrafield believes a woman's wider pelvis shifts her center of gravity inside her ankle joint instead of directly above it.

SHOCKING BODY BOTCH

Grave diggers who were ordered to exhume a body for a murder investigation got confused — and dug up the wrong body twice.

Now workers at a cemetery in Baltimore, Md., say they are not sure where the corpse they want has been interred.

"We'll do our best to find the body," said cemetery worker Joseph Ross.

He blames the body botch on inexperienced cemetery workers.

What's a pooch to do? Butch, a 1-year-old English bulldog, is getting pranged by the minute as newly-arrived Princess the sixth-month-old female bulldog, keeps her head in Butch's bowl. The critters are pets of Florida Secretary of State Jim Smith, who was recently given the month-old piglet by a hog farmer.

Cops grab dresses worth 25Gs — from transvestites!

Cops seized $25,000 worth of fancy dresses from five transvestites who were taking them out of a storage shed and putting them into a car.

None of the men were arrested. But sheriff's deputies in West Palm Beach, Fla., said they would hold on to the extravagant gowns and dresses until they could determine if they were stolen.

Some 20 transvestites are suspected to be part of a ring that has been responsible for as many as 200 thefts of expensive women's clothes over the past year, said cops.

The transvestites who were hoarding the sleek leather and sequined dresses and fancy evening gowns into a car told officers they were shopping to

TRAGIC LITTLE 12-YEAR-OLD LOOKS LIKE SHE'S 120!

By SUSAN JAMISON

A bizarre disease has made Becky Cass grow old far beyond her years, giving her arthritis and hardening of the arteries even though she's only 12 years old!

But the tiny child from Bingara, New South Wales, Australia, is so brave that thousands of friends have chipped in to give her a heartwarming reward — they're sending her on a dream trip to Disneyland.

"She's a magic kid," said Terry Banks, a friend of Becky's family who organized the little girl's week-long stay in Los Angeles. "She has heaps of friends.

"She is in pain from her arthritis and has to take pain killers, but she's always happy. She's learned to live with her physical troubles."

Becky suffers from a rare disease called progeria that causes her to age 10 years for every year she lives.

Although she's nearly a teen, she stands only 3 feet high and weighs a mere 28 pounds.

Doctors say no one with her condition has lived beyond the age of 20, but little Becky doesn't worry about that. She is an active child who lives a normal life, Banks said, and who remains cheerful about her future.

"She's going to go to high school this year," Banks told The NEWS. "She'll be with regular students.

"She likes to be treated normally. She lives in hope although she understands now that her condition is life shortening."

In the small farming community where Becky lives with her parents, two brothers and little sister, the tiny heroine is deeply loved. The entire population of 1,300 has banded together to make her happy.

For years, her friends wanted to send Becky on a special trip to the magic world of Disneyland.

Then in 1980 stories about Becky spread across Australia and donations began pouring in from all over the country.

This month, Becky's dream trip will become a reality. And if all goes as planned, the brave little girl will have another wish granted. She'll get to meet American children who suffer from the same aging disease that she has.

"There are only about 20 cases of this in the world," Banks said.

"I know it will make Becky very happy to be with others who understand what she's going through."

Girl with bizarre disease weighs 28 pounds & is only 3 feet tall

NEXT to a normal-sized 12-year-old, Becky's tiny size is startling — but it hasn't kept her from living a full life.

SLAVE Becky Cass suffers from a rare disease called progeria which causes her to age prematurely

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I'VE GOT MY RATS TO KEEP ME WARM

DRIFTER Patrick Fairfield's favourite rat Nicole sticks her furry little snout out of his shirt.

By JACK ALEXANDER

Homeless Patrick Fairfield sleeps on the street and keeps warm in freezing weather with the help of his pet rats — who snuggle up inside his shirt.

"They're like the children I always wanted, but never had," said the bearded drifter. "I love them. We keep each other warm."

Fairfield, his wife, Glenna, and their hoard of 17 furry little critters had spent all night on the streets of San Francisco.

"There's no way a shelter would put up with our rats and there's no way we're going to get rid of them," said Fairfield, an ex-carnival worker.

His favourite rat in the pack is a female adult named Nicole. "She's the darling. She keeps me warm and I keep her warm," he said.

The two other adult rodents are Spunky and Runs-from. "They don't have Nicole's temperament," said Fairfield, stroking Nicole's back. "They're high-strung and have a habit of nibbling."

Other vagrants give Fairfield plenty of room when he and his rats sleep in the doorway of the city's Civic Auditorium or in the Civic Center Plaza.

"You don't have many really close pals when you rug rats around in your clothes," he said.

"People have a tendency to leave you alone."

Fairfield keeps 14 baby rats in a cage and sells them for pets to raise money. He and Glenna also survive by collecting discarded aluminum cans and bottles for recycling.

"My sweet little Nicole is helping out by just being cute," said Fairfield. "People pay me money to see her worry up my arm or poke her pretty little head out from under my shirt."

'They're like the children I never had . . . I love them and we keep each other warm.'

Mom blows tot's head off, cops say — for chewing a cookie too loudly!

By SUSAN JAMISON

Marpalene DiBello got angry and shot her 4-year-old daughter in the face, cops say — because she was chewing her cookie too loudly!

Then, as little Jennifer DiBello lay dying on the living room floor of their Philadelphia, Pa., home, the mother tried to blame the killing on her 6-year-old son, Frankie, who had witnessed the murder, authorities say.

But police arrested Mrs. DiBello, 36, and charged her with murder.

She is now in jail awaiting trial.

"The mother said that the shooting was accidental, but Frankie testified that she pointed the gun straight at Jennifer and fired," Asst. District Attorney Beahl Bebe told The NEWS.

"He said he then asked her, 'Why did you shoot my sister, mommie?'"

She tried to blame son, 6, report adds

Little Jennifer apparently triggered her mother's rage as she was eating some chocolate chip cookies, according to relatives and police. They say she was chomping in her mother's ear and it made Mrs. DiBello angry.

She warned Jennifer to stop or she would shoot her, police said.

"The little girl's mother had a .38-caliber revolver in her lap," Philadelphia Police Detective Edward Tuosto told The NEWS.

"She picked up the gun and shot her daughter in the face, almost blowing her head off. Jennifer died 20 minutes later," according to Detective Tuosto.

Mrs. DiBello dialed 911 and talked to the emergency dispatcher.

"My son just shot my daughter," cops said she told the dispatcher.

According to police, she scolded her son while she was on the phone, saying he was naughty for "what you did to your sister."

Police arrived to find Mrs. DiBello crouched over her dying daughter with the handgun lying on the floor beside them, authorities said.

Little Jennifer was rushed to a hospital, but was pronounced dead on arrival, police said.

The little girl's father had left the house only minutes before the shooting, police said, and returned after investigators arrived on the scene.

JAILED — Marpalene DiBello is charged with murder.

Baby-boomers exiting the fast track

At least one expert believes more and more hard-driving baby-boomers are switching their lives off the fast track and into the slow lane.

In her book Time Out, author Bonnie Miller Rubin says baby-boomers are taking career risks by dropping out of the "me-first" rat race to explore new territories and reassess their goals.

"It's an awakening that happens in your 30s and 40s when you realize that there is life outside of work," Miss Rubin explains.

"No one on their deathbed ever says they wish they had spent more time at the office."

Expert: Orientals are smarter than everybody else

Orientals are the smartest people on Earth!

That's the claim of a Canadian psychology professor, Philippe Rushton, who says that Orientals have larger brains and higher IQs than any other race.

The expert cited a study that found blacks first appeared on Earth 200,000 years ago, whites 100,000 years ago and Orientals 40,000 years ago.

"The Orientals emerged the latest, have the largest brains and the highest IQ scores," said Rushton, who teaches at the University of Western Ontario.

The professor expected his comments to be controversial and they are.

Lorna Martin, spokesman for the Urban Alliance on Race Relations, wants the professor suspended from his university.

One group has actually discussed taking legal action against him.

Undaunted, Professor Rushton said: "I have to believe after 4½ years of research that I'm right about racial group differences and everyone else is wrong."

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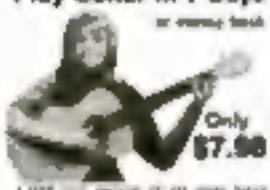

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Easygoing hubby serves breakfast in bed to his cheatin' wife & her boyfriend!

By JOE BERGER

Happy-go-lucky husband Chris Tipping is so understanding he lets his cheating wife Marian bring her boyfriend home to spend the night — and he even serves his lady and her lover breakfast in bed!

"My friends and neighbors think I'm crazy to let Marian sleep with another man right here under my roof," nonpersnickety Chris, 44, told reporters in Sheerness, England.

"And when they find out I serve them breakfast in bed, that's almost more than they can stand.

"But my wife needs a lot of attention, so I don't mind sharing her if it keeps her satisfied."

Marian met trucker Alan Hunter five months ago and quickly became entangled in a mad, passionate affair.

When suspicious Chris asked his mate what she'd been up to while he worked the night shift, Marian spilled the beans.

"I confessed all," the racy lady recalled.

Chris insisted on meeting Marian's hunky beau, and the two men hit it off. So the helpful hubby told his wife Alan could drop by to share her bed while he was at work.

Now, Chris watches the couple's three kids every Saturday night while Alan and Marian go out on the town.

When the swinging sweeties get home, they hit the sack while resigned Chris hits the road delivering newspapers.

Then, when his night's work is done, Chris zips home in for the lovebirds breakfast.

"I love my wife, and I don't mind doing this for her if it makes her happy," said Chris.

But Alan says he's not completely comfortable with the bizarre situation. "I feel really guilty," said the romeo trucker. "If I had a wife who brought a boyfriend home, I'd punch him in the nose."

SOFTHEARTED Chris Tipping, right, is such an understanding husband he serves breakfast to his wife Marian while she and her boyfriend snuggle up together in bed.

No one wants to be mayor

Glenn Marshall is the mayor of Hico, Tex., but he doesn't want the job — and neither does anybody else!

No names appeared on the ballot during a recent election to find a replacement for former Hico Mayor J.M. Blakley, who resigned.

Marshall, who'd been acting mayor in the town of 1,300 people, won the election with all write-in votes — but he wants out.

"I don't plan to take the job," he said.

Shoe nut nobbed

College kid Charles Henry was arrested on three robbery charges, stripped of stealing women's shoes — right off their feet.

The Indiana University sophomore was nabbed by cops in Bloomington shortly after he tried to grab the shoes of two women as they left a restaurant, police said.

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After her drunk driving caused fatal crash . . .

Rich jet-setter flees to avoid year in jail

A fabulously wealthy businesswoman is now living on the lam after she decided to go underground to avoid serving a year behind bars for drunk driving!

As a result, 30-year-old Sally Jill Woodland is facing up to five years in jail, according to authorities in West Palm Beach, Fla.

"She's very wealthy," said prosecutor Krista Rothman. "That's why it surprises me that we haven't had more leads.

"She owns stables and races polo ponies, she owns at least two restaurants and a car rental business. She's pretty diversified."

Miss Woodland's legal troubles began in November 1988, when she left her home to the exclusive Palm Beach Polo and Country Club and got into a head-on collision with a car driven by 17-year-old Christopher Hunter.

Hunter was seriously injured in the wreck but got out of his car in shock as Miss Woodland. When he did, he was struck and killed by an oncoming car driven by Karen Harold.

Miss Harold was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to six years in prison, but remains free on bond pending the outcome of her appeal.

Sally Jill Woodland, whose blood-alcohol level was nearly double the legal limit at the time of the accident, pleaded guilty to a drunk driving charge.

She was sentenced to a year in jail and five years' probation.

Judge Harold Cohen gave Miss Woodland three weeks to take care of business before beginning her jail term.

But when the day came for Miss Woodland to surrender last September 1, she was gone.

"I'm very surprised," Judge Cohen said.

"Generally, ordinary citizens with Social Security cards, driver licenses, property, jobs and businesses don't disappear into the criminal milieu," he said.

Miss Woodland did, but her disappearance didn't surprise Mrs. Sandy Gallop, Christopher Hunter's mother.

"I knew the kind of money she had and I knew she was not going behind bars," Mrs. Gallop said.

"I knew she was going to [illegible] has managed to elude authorities for more than six months. Mrs. Gallop is sure the wealthy jet-setter fugitive will eventually land behind bars. "I think she will be tracked down," Mrs. Gallop said. "If I didn't believe that somewhere, somehow, someone will turn her in, I couldn't live. I actually could not sur-

She leaves behind two restaurants, a mansion & a fortune in the bank

GRIEVING mother of the victim, Sandy Gallop, poses beside a cross-shaped marker placed at the crash scene.

VICTIM Christopher Hunter died after he was hit by a car.

CONVICTED drunk driver Sally Jill Woodland failed to show up to begin jail term.

Tenant raps gun for quiet and shoots his neighbor

A sleepy-eyed tenant banged his rifle butt on the floor of his apartment to make a noisy downstairs neighbor turn down his stereo — and accidentally shot his upstairs neighbor.

Off-duty cop Mark Hankins, 29, was awakened by the blaring music below him about 6:30 a.m. on a Saturday. After putting up with it for 45 minutes, Hankins grabbed his assault rifle from under his bed.

"He pounded the rifle butt on the floor a couple of times and the gun went off," said a Chattanooga, Tenn., police spokesman, Vince Dean.

Todd Dingman, 29, was sleeping in the apartment above the cop's bedroom when he heard a "firecracker-type noise."

"Then he saw blood on his right leg and realized he had been shot," said Officer Dean. "There's no animosity from Dingman toward Officer Hankins. He was real understanding, as understanding as someone could be."

Officer Hankins told investigators for the police internal affairs division he didn't realize the gun was loaded. The

Polite thieves

When crooks drove away in his new Chrysler New Yorker, Peter Amori called them on his car phone and asked them to bring it back — but they politely refused.

"Sorry, we're working for someone else," they said. Cops

Smart robots can't replace people — yet

Robots can see, hear, speak, smell, move, paint cars, and assist in brain surgery, but scientists say they are still stupid compared to people.

"Robots are dumb. They're dumb because we haven't taken the trouble to put the pieces together, not because we don't know how," said Raj Reddy, director of The Robotics Institute at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The development of robots is far better today than 30 years ago, but Reddy says it will take time and money to make them more useful in our society . . . "and we don't have the money."

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GIANT winged creatures once recently in Peru are primitive rely flying reptiles that roamed the area in prehistoric times

A remote village high on the snow-capped slopes of the Andes Mountains of Peru is being ravaged by winged creatures that ruled the skies before the dawn of man — the flying dinosaurs known as pteradactyls!

Until recently, the monstrous flying reptiles, believed to have been extinct for more than 120 million years, had attacked only the villagers' llama herds, but there is grisly new evidence that humans are falling prey to their savage fury.

Incredible creatures have 40-foot wingspans!

[illegible] villagers [illegible] their homes after setting out in search of the flying reptiles.

Although no bodies have been found, the tattered and blood-stained remnants of their clothing have been retrieved from the rugged slopes where pteradactyls have apparently been seen.

Villager Guillermo Diaz was tending his llama herd early one morning when three of the prehistoric monsters swooped out of the sky and attacked him and his animals.

"There is no warning when they attack. They plucked my poor animals from the ground and carried them to their deaths."

Before one of them [illegible] villagers who has witnessed the savage attacks, barely escaped with his life as the pteradactyls carried off his llama herd.

"It is known that pteradactyls lived in this part of the world during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods. Their bones have been found not only in South America but in North America as well," [illegible] Angela said.

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Guess who's a dancin' fool? Dowdy Liz!

SHE'S QUEEN OF ROCK 'N' ROLL

OLD-FASHIONED! — Not on your life the Queen [illegible] of England may look like a mannequin, but she loves to rock 'n' roll with Elton John, right!

England's Queen Elizabeth looks like a fuddy-duddy, but rock stars Phil Collins and Elton John say the dowdy blue blood loves to jitterbug.

Incredibly, the Queen's royal feet can't keep still when old rock classics are punched on the jukebox.

Royal gal loves to rock around the clock with

"I have seen the Queen jump to 'Rock Around the Clock,'" noted top pop crooner Phil

"I was with Elton . . . recently and told him about it. He said he secretly dances with her to that song.

stuckup party even her son Prince Charles is a surprise when it comes to

Princess Di. Fall says the Queen's interest in pop music isn't because rock has become more mainstream.

"It's the royal family who have loosened up," he said. — *New York Daily News*

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Sexy Sean Young, who electrified the big screen with her sizzling back-of-a-limo love scene with Kevin Costner in *No Way Out*, says she felt like an oddball growing up and out.

"As a kid I grew taller than anybody else," recalls Sean.

"And I suddenly grew these two enormous pyramids under my blouse. I didn't fit in. I hated being so tall and skinny."

But it's paying off now, Sean. — *New York Post*

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Do opposites attract? They do in the case of newlywed tennis queen Chris Evert and her ski champ hubby Andy Mill.

"I'm cautious, he's a daredevil. I'm an introvert, he's outgoing," says Chris.

But the differences keep love blooming. "Every day is Valentine's Day," she sighs. — *USA Weekend*.

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Goody-goody beauty Brooke Shields says she doesn't care if religion is corny, she used the power of prayer to help her through those rough teen years when she made oodles and oodles of bucks as a top model.

God is "one of the only ones who hasn't judged me by how much I happen to be making that week or how famous I happen to be that month," she said.

"I started to find that one of the places that I wasn't judged unfairly

Diane Sawyer

News gal gets big $$ but not big ratings!

TV news queenbee Diane Sawyer may be better at blowing her own horn than doing her job, according to TV critic Marvin Kitman.

Marv says sexy Di has managed to climb the ladder of success without ever having been an actual, honest-to-goodness ratings-getter.

When blonde Di left *The CBS Morning News*, that show's ratings were a mess. But she managed to jump to top-rated *60 Minutes* and raise her salary from $800,000 to a whopping $1.2 million.

What did Di do for *60 Minutes* ratings? Nothing, says Marv. They didn't go up, they didn't go down.

Yet, somehow, Di has managed to talk ABC into giving her a five-year, $1.5 million a year deal.

"She's a master of manipulating the press," writes Marv. "And why shouldn't she be? She was once the press agent for Richard Nixon."

Richard who? — *Newsday*

Oscar winner says pooch costar is a better actor

was in church. I could just go there. It was the only place that I was just sort of me."

When her pals in showbiz find out she's religious they say, "I can't believe it — you're the only one I know like that." — *Florida Catholic* magazine

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Superstar Liz Taylor's headed for the tube to star in the famed *Sweet Bird of Youth* about the vanishing, boozing movie queen who's driven around the country by a handsome young gigolo.

Paul Newman played the stud in the famed movie version. TV bigwigs want Don Johnson for the TV version. — *New York Daily News*

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Super actor William Hurt, who got a hang-up job in *The Accidental Tourist*, had nothing but praise for his costar in the flick — a dog.

"He's a much better actor than I am," says the humble Kiss of the Spider Woman Oscar winner. "You can learn a lot from dogs. Dogs are honest. That's why a lot of actors are afraid of them."

And they bite, too. — *New Orleans Times-Picayune*

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It was OOPS time for glamor gal Jackie Onassis. The super rich former first lady was sent a bill for $1,730 in back taxes she forgot to pay. — *New York Post*

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Ballet twinkletoes Mikhail Baryshnikov is a whiz on the stage, but he ended up on his behind on a recent horseback riding outing.

Mikhail mounted up for a ride in Florida recently and his horse headed right for a tree.

"He was thrown off, but not really hurt," says a source close to the dancer. — *New York Post*

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It was a red-faced moment for Prince Charles when he looked at a sculptor's bust of Princess Di and asked: "By the way, who is it of?"

The miffed 60-year-old artist Sam Tomkins replied:

"Diana, sir, it's your wife."

Charming Chuck cracked up into yuks and Sam admitted that the bust might not be as close a resemblance as it ought to be.

"Unfortunately, I had to do the Princess from photographs," he said. — *London Daily Mirror*

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Meredith Baxter Birney, the mom on TV's *Family Ties*, and actor-hubby David Birney have called it quits after 15 years of marriage and five kids. — [illegible]

DOGGONE IT — Oscar-winner Wi[illegible]

Self-described model Ava Cadell had a torrid acting assignment on TV's "District [illegible]

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When you gotta go, you just gotta go

Man answers call of nature and plunges down 60-foot well!

By DICK DONOVAN

When David Bumgardner stopped to answer the call of nature, he thought it would be the pause that refreshes — not a harrowing 60-foot plunge down an abandoned well!

But that's just what happened when 21-year-old David sought relief inside a dilapidated storage building off a country road near Grover, N.C.

"That was the longest fall I've ever had," he told The NEWS. "It felt like I was never going to hit bottom."

David and he and his brother were passing the old storage building in his brother Tommy's car when he suddenly felt the urgent need to make a pit stop.

"I asked my brother, 'Could you stop right here? I gotta go,'" he revealed.

Tommy stopped the car and David got out. He walked over to the building and entered it through a collapsed rear wall.

"When I stepped inside, I took one big step . . . right down to the bottom of the well," he said. "All I could do was try to grab at the sides of

Rest stop ends in the hospital

the well to help break my fall."

Despite his efforts to cushion his landing, David slammed to the bottom of the well with jaw-crunching force.

"I was bleeding profusely from the head and I couldn't move. I was hurting real bad," he said. "I was pretty real close-headed [illegible]."

When his brother was gone longer than he thought necessary, Tommy went into the building to see what was keeping him. He crept to the well, looked down and saw David crumpled at the bottom.

Tommy left to get help and within minutes, rescue squad personnel from [illegible] were arrived.

They hoisted David out of the well and rushed him to the hospital, where he was treated for head and ankle injuries.

INJURED David Bumgardner sits on bottom of well as rescue workers prepare to help hoist him to the surface.

Boomerang's back

The world's oldest boomerang has finally come back — 20,000 years after it was thrown!

Polish archaeologists discovered the boomerang, made of mammoth tusk, in a cave near Krakow. The oldest boomerangs found previously were only 10,000 years old.

Raging Reverend kills wife — because he couldn't listen to the radio!

By SUSAN JAMISON

A vicious vicar lost his temper and beat his wife to death — because he couldn't listen to his favorite radio talk program!

"Aren't you dead yet?" retired Reverend Shirley Freeman asked his wife Clarinda, after he spent two hours battering her with the radio, a table and a chair.

Authorities in Guildford, England, say the 69-year-old woman was almost certainly dead by that time because she had received a number of severe injuries to her head.

According to court testimony, the violent vicar was angry because his wife, trying to listen to a talk show but static made it impossible for them to hear

an argument Clarinda. A neighbor, Christopher, who shared the old couple's home, says he heard a lot of thumping and banging but did not suspect. gate until he heard his

way. "Aren't you dead yet?" He entered his parents' apartment and discovered a scene of horror.

"I am mad. Mad and have murdered my dear wife who I have always loved," Rev Freeman told officers. "It was a terrible tragedy. My dear, darling wife and I had an almost idyllic marriage. We loved each other deeply."

Rev Freeman stood trial for murder, and pleaded not guilty on the grounds of diminished responsibility.

The judge accepted his plea and then allowed him to plead guilty to manslaughter. The judge sentenced the vicar to three years' probation and sent him to a monastery for

Anti-cancer drug helps arthritics

A powerful anti-cancer drug is the latest weapon in the war on rheumatoid arthritis, one of the most severe forms of arthritic disease.

The drug is methotrexate, which has become a major

tic in the treatment and control of rheumatoid arthritis.

Dr Michael Weinblatt, director of the Arthritis Center at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said scientists do not understand how

your Maker," Judge Robert Lambert told the old man. "Were you much younger you would go to prison for a substantial time, but in this case it would serve no purpose."

Rev Freeman said he suffers terribly because of what he did and will for the rest of his days.

"Can you find me a padded cell where I can beat my head against the wall?" he said. "I just want to kill myself. She has gone to heaven, and I will never see her again because I

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SEX-CHANGE MAN IS PREGNANT!

Guy who became a gal will be first transsexual to give birth

By DEBI DESHLARI

A man who became a woman through a sex change operation is pregnant after miracle surgery made the dream of her life come true!

Chris Johnsbaum, whose first name was Christer before her gender-changing operation, will deliver a healthy baby boy in a few months, tests show — and stunned medical experts say the event will be the first transsexual delivery in history!

Dr. Georges Chetan, a surgeon who has specialized in the difficult sex-change operations for more than 20 years in Casablanca, Morocco, is responsible for the astonishing breakthrough.

Dr. Chetan confirmed in breathtaking medical terms — objective proof — that Miss Johnsbaum, a woman killed in a traffic accident a few hours earlier.

"I had been able to perform this surgery successfully many times," said Dr. Chetan. "I knew it could work on a person. But I never before had the perfect patient and the right testicular stamina.

"Imagine my astonishment — a person whose chromosomes were more female than male

after months of tests and X-rays and ultrasound examinations, I was positive Miss Johnsbaum had ovulated.

"I had prepared her dressed in changing into sex — and then I knew that I was close to having my biggest dream of all come true. I was going to be a real life mother!"

Before Dr. Chetan's stunning "miracle" announcement, Johnsbaum had undergone the most delicate and complicated sex-change operation ever performed.

Within just two months after the operation, Johnsbaum's body had undergone a complete hormonal change, and within a year, was pregnant, all as Miss Johnsbaum had requested.

"This is an amazing, earth-shaking development," said Dr. Jurgen Gustav of the Swedish Medical Society.

Miss Johnsbaum, of Kalmar, Sweden, said she is completely happy for the first time in her life.

She said she and the baby's father will be married soon and that the child will be named Georges — after Dr. Chetan of course!"

Cops find 3 frozen pit bulls in trunk of car!

Canadian police are investigating the deaths of three pit bull terriers that were found frozen solid in the trunk of a car.

Staff Sgt. Don Peters of the Whitehorse police said the dogs were discovered when neighbors called police after hearing what they thought were gunshots coming from the car. Peters said: "Well, before you do, I should tell you that there are three dead pit bulls in there."

Sgt. Peters said the dogs looked like they had been shot, but were actually frozen solid. Police said they suspect the dogs were stolen as part of illegal dog fights.

Trucker dumps oil in wrong cellar

A homeless bed bug driver went to the wrong South Haven business address — and pumped 500 gallons of heating oil right into the basement floor.

The driver pumped the oil through a pipe that had been disconnected when owners of the Hackensack, N.J. building switched to gas heat. Because the pipe was still connected to the tank, the oil flowed into the basement.

Several patrons said the truck driver waved the oil by about two blocks.

Sorry rapist offers to buy air conditioner for his victim

A convicted rapist who raped and beat a woman after he apologized and offered to buy her victim an air conditioner.

Oscar Ramirez, 23, assaulted the 23-year-old woman in her Omaha, Neb., apartment. Both apologized and asked what he could do to make amends.

The terrified woman said she could use an air conditioner and the rapist said he would get her one.

When he left she called police.

Ramirez phoned her the next day to arrange for delivery of the air conditioner.

The victim then got enough information from him for police to trace Ramirez.

Fisherman know how to skin a cat

There's more than one way to skin a cat, as an expression referring to catfish — not cats.

The saying became popular as American fishermen and cooks developed many ways to remove the catfish's tough, [illegible]

The ultimate bag lady

Glamorous Savanna Mical is a real eyeopener even when she's wearing a dress made from plastic trash bags! The lovely in disposable fashions was put together using 25 trash bags — [illegible]

A major study into the powers of an exceptional psychic

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EXPLODING TOILETS!

Dozens drenched by giant waves of . . . water

By JACK ALEXANDER

Dozens of unsuspecting people got the shock of their lives while relieving themselves in the rest rooms of Seattle's courthouse — when the toilets exploded!

"Their quiet time on the john was rudely interrupted," said building manager Bill Kemp. "We had some very angry people and some very wet egos."

The bizarre explosion occurred after a worker for a private company used the courthouse water system to create a high-pressure spray to clean concrete, said Kemp.

"He hooked one end of a hose up to a courthouse water faucet and connected the other end to his compressor," said Kemp. "Later, he turned off the compressor but apparently there was some air in the system.

"When the urinals and toilets were flushed, the air in the system pushed the water back through the toilets and urinals in giant waves.

"Picture yourself conversing between stalls when there is an explosion and you're swamped by a huge wall of water from your shoulders to your knees," said Kemp.

Kemp said the porcelain cracked in at least 25 to 40 toilets or urinals. One person was hit in the foot by a piece of porcelain and a woman passer-out from shock. Damage will be in the thousands of dollars.

Burglar suffocates in grease duct!

POLICE officer Bill Mintz examines the dangling legs of Michael Blanchard, who suffocated while trying to slide down a grease duct to break into a restaurant

By PETE COOKE

Crook tried to slip into eatery — but he got stuck & died

A bungling burglar ended up dead when he tried to slide down a grease duct into a restaurant and got stuck!

New York City police said 33-year-old Michael Blanchard died of asphyxiation after becoming trapped in the narrow vent at the Hamilton restaurant in Brooklyn.

Blanchard's feet dangling from the grease duct when he arrived for work in the morning.

"I came in just like always, switched on the lights and turned around," said Bar. "I saw these feet sticking out of the vent. It really scared the

Blanchard climbed to the roof of the two-story restaurant building late at night or early in the morning. After taking off his coat, Blanchard crawled into the metal vent with his arms raised above his head

near the restaurant and told police that they heard a man screaming for help during the night, but couldn't figure out where the desperate pleas were coming from.

After he discovered the

workers, but Blanchard was pronounced dead at the scene.

Medical officials said Blanchard died of asphyxiation because he was wedged so tightly in the vent that his chest could not expand to

Granny hires hit man to murder her son-in-law

. . . she just didn't like him, say cops

A 67-year-old granny was arrested for trying to hire a hit man to murder her son-in-law because she just didn't like him, cops said!

Investigators said the bizarre case began when Lee Goldsmith asked a repairman working on her condominium in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., to help her find a hit man.

Al Gordon, a spokesman for the Broward County Sheriff's Office, said the worker reported the conversation to authorities, who equipped the repairman with a hidden microphone and sent him back for another chat with Mrs. Goldsmith.

The worker later introduced Mrs. Goldsmith to Lt. Tom Brennan, who posed as a killer for hire.

Gordon said the woman offered Brennan $10,000 to kill a Palm Beach County man she claimed had raped and murdered her niece in New Jersey several years ago and was acquitted of the charges.

According to investigators, the intended target was actually Mrs. Goldsmith's son-in-law, David Bornstein, who owns an auto air conditioning shop.

"We checked every law enforcement agency in New Jersey and nobody knew what we were talking about," said Gordon. "It was a story she made up to explain why she wanted him killed."

Cops say Mrs. Goldsmith gave Brennan a $1,000 down payment on the contract killing. A few days later, Lt. Brennan met the woman at a restaurant to tell her the job was done. She then gave him an envelope containing $9,000 Gordon said.

Mrs. Goldsmith was arrested in the restaurant parking lot on charges of solicitation for murder. "She showed no remorse whatsoever," said Gordon. "She even had a cup of tea at the police station. She was very calm."

Detectives didn't find out that Bornstein was really Mrs. Goldsmith's son-in-law until they contacted him about the murder plot.

Gordon said Mrs. Goldsmith has held a bitter grudge against Bornstein ever since he married her daughter Arlene, a surgical nurse. "She just doesn't like him," Gordon said. "She didn't want him to marry her daughter. She wouldn't have anything to do with them since they were married 6½ years ago. In fact, she has a 3½-year-old grandson she has never even seen."

Friends and neighbors were stunned by the arrest.

Authorities said Mrs. Goldsmith's husband, Milton, a retired Boston meat wholesaler, knew nothing about the plot.

— PETE COOKE

HANDCUFFED granny Lee Goldsmith tries to hide her face as police officers take her into custody for allegedly offering $10,000 to hire a hit man to kill her son-in-law.

Commuter in bathroom misses stop — so train backs up to let him off

A red-faced passenger was unavoidably detained in the toilet when a commuter train whizzed past his stop — so the train backed up and let him off.

Nature called a few miles before the train reached the unidentified businessman's stop, and he was forced to answer.

When a train guard heard what had happened, he talked to the train engineer, who got permission to back up the train a half-mile to the station in Frome, England.

"It is not a very common occurrence, but we help people out if we can," said a spokesman for the train company. "In most cases, he would have to stay on the train until it reached the next stop."

Wishful thinking

All those lovely fire hydrants, and poor Earl the guard dog is all riled up and can't get at them! Earl's a Labrador retriever who keeps an eye on things at a Las Vegas, Nev., company.

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Hostage drama:

Boyfriend holds noose around woman's neck

Agony shows on the face of ravished Karen Phillips as her boyfriend holds her captive on the balcony of her apartment with a makeshift noose around her neck. "Help me! Help me!" screamed Karen, 24, to onlookers in Manchester, England. The only warning comes 4th hand a violent fight between the couple. Karen's estranged boyfriend surrendered to police after a five-hour standoff and she was released unharmed.

Boys, 4 & 6, attacked baby girl because she was 'ugly,' say cops!

A tiny baby girl was stabbed in the face with a screwdriver and severely beaten with a hammer by two boys ages 4 and 6 — because she was "ugly" and they "didn't like her," say cops.

The 14-month-old victim, who weighed only 20 pounds, was still hospitalized two weeks after the horrendous attack, but doctors expect a full recovery.

They stabbed her in the face with a screwdriver & beat her with a hammer, a shovel & a brick!

"It was an extremely brutal assault. They stabbed her several times with the screwdriver and beat the poor little thing with a hammer, a shovel and a brick," St. Louis, Missouri, police spokesman Candice Green told *The NEWS*.

The boys, who are brothers, left the unconscious tot lying in the basement of their tenement building and ran upstairs to tell their father, "She's dead," said Miss Green.

Police were called and paramedics rushed the baby to a hospital. "She was in critical condition for days, but she's going to make it," said Miss Green.

The boys described what they did and why they did it while questioned by cops.

"They said the little girl was ugly and they didn't like her," said Police Sgt. Willie Smith.

"They didn't show any remorse and just shrugged their shoulders when the detectives asked them more questions," said Miss Green.

The parents of the boys and the baby share an apartment on St. Louis' south side. The boys' mother was in an upstairs bathroom during the attack and their dad was playing cards in the kitchen. The baby's father was in another bathroom and her mother was in jail.

Charges were not filed against the boys or their parents. "The boys are getting psychological help and the state Division of Human Services is monitoring the family," said Miss Green.

"As soon as the baby recuperates from her injuries and undergoes plastic surgery to her face, she will be placed in a foster home."

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Classy strippers won't steal your guys, gals

Dear Dotti: Why do people refer to us strippers as low-lifes when they don't even know us? Most strippers are very intelligent. I'm tired of being stereotyped.

Wives should't worry about their men going to strip clubs because there are among the safest places around. We have our pick of the men from the audience and we are very selective. You don't need to worry about losing your husband.

I'll bet I've got more class than that "Confused in Cedar-dale" who wrote to you complaining about strippers. I know I've got a better credit rating. — Stripper in Las Vegas

Dear Stripper: Don't let your credit or changing how the public feels about strippers. Men don't go to strip clubs for intelligent conversation — and women worry that the pick-offs-daily will be their man.

Hubby doesn't like foul-mouthed kid

Dear Dotti: I'm 17, have three children and am married to a nice man who is the father of my two youngest children.

The oldest child, who is 5, stays with my parents and she's become a real big problem. For one thing, she says a lot of bad words because she hears my mom and dad speak them all the time.

My husband is a very smart man who takes good care of us but he doesn't like this little girl at all and the language she uses only makes it worse.

But when I bring her home with me she doesn't say any bad words.

The other bad thing is that my mom and dad also give her candy and other foods that are not good for her and turn the kid bad both.

Do you think I should bring her home with me and cure her for? — Don't Decide in California

Dear Don't Decide: If your husband doesn't like the child, then you could make bad matters worse by forcing them to live together. Spend as much time as you can with the little girl and try to be a good influence. Maybe she'll learn some new speech habits.

I caught my boss with another fella

Dear Dotti: I'm downcast that my boyfriend is bisexual. I went to his dorm room and promised and boy was I surprised! There he was naked as the wife with another guy.

I stormed from the room and haven't seen him since. I love him very much and hate ran-sacky goes for.

How can I change him? — Jealous in El Paso

Dear Jealous: Do you think he wants to change? If he doesn't then a lot much you can do about it. And if you love him very much for enough to accept a bisexual boyfriend, then dump him and find a guy who is not only likes girls.

Send your letters to Dotti, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, FL 33462.

Math class sweetie ignores love letters

Dear Dotti: The girl that I like in my math class sits between two stupid guys who call me a rag. I'm afraid that she believes them.

She used to speak to me, but since I left some love letters to her locker, she ignores me.

What should I do? — Teen in Love in Texas

Dear Teen in Love: Stop putting love letters in her locker. She obviously doesn't like them.

I want my brother's buddy for myself

Dear Dotti: I've become real close to a friend of my brother and I'm dreaming of us being together always.

I know that he likes me and he knows that I like him. We plan to go somewhere special, but just being with him is enough for me. How can I get him to realize that I really like him a lot and want to spend more time with him? — In Love in New York

Dear In Love: For Pete's sake, give the guy some breathing room. If he really likes you, he'll come around. But you'll ruin it if you smother him before your relationship has a chance to develop.

I'm looking for just one good man

Dear Dotti: I was reading a back issue of your column at a friend's house with the letter from the guy who said "Stupid Gals Don't Appreciate Me."

I want to say that I would appreciate finding a good man like that.

I have just ended a relationship with a man that was bad. I'm looking for a good man.

I don't have many material things, but I have love, warmth and trust. How can I find a good man? — Looking in Arizona

Dear Looking: Sometimes finding a good date is like finding a lost shoe. You should not stop going to unusual places. Keep your eyes and your mind open.

Gun-shy teenager doesn't trust boys

Dear Dotti: I'm 14 and have never had a boyfriend who liked me for being me. The last guy I went out with used me. Now I'm afraid to go out with this sure 15-year-old because I'm afraid he will use me, too. Tell me what to do. — Worried in South Dakota

Dear Worried: Every woman in the world has been used. You have to take chances. If this 15-year-old boy is so slow you shouldn't have anything to worry about. If he isn't, dump him before he ditches you.

Confidential

Dear Abandoned Mother: Your heart is broken and it's too late to start over with him. Spend some time dating for others and try to forget what you have to permit to change. Contact service agencies and offer to help. Taking your mind off your own problems sometimes helps a lot. Good luck!

Dear Deaf with Problems: Why, Hon, don't talk to the nearest counseling center. Maybe you'll find some help and comfort.

Dear Love in Exile: Abraham Lincoln loved the slaves a long time ago. Maybe that husband some and loved north.

Dear Hot in Alaska: Just because you were born on the wrong side of the border doesn't mean you won't ever catch a train.

Space alien docs healed my cancer

Editors: Your story a couple of weeks ago about space aliens invading our hospitals to conduct research on human cells as no surprise to me.

You say they're doing all sorts of horrifying things to friends patients, but my experience with them was just the opposite.

I went into a hospital in Chicago with stomach cancer and the doctors said there was nothing they could do to help me.

I was dying.

That one night a team of alien doctors came to my room and worked on me — and two days later I was miraculously healed!

My earthly doctors couldn't believe it. But thanks to these alien invaders who were the greatest doctors I've ever had.

Address your letters to Editors, Weekly World News, 600 South East Coast Ave., Lantana, FL 33462. We reserve the right to edit your letters.

Dumb Frenchman deserves to marry fatty

STUPID Frenchman thought he was going to marry a beautiful woman.

Editors: When I read the story about the silly Frenchman who proposed to that chocolate-laughed fatty over the phone I just about fell off the chair laughing.

Only a Frenchman would be stupid enough to think that some hot blonde babe is going to be courting for a phone sex company. What a dope! I'll bet all of those phone girls are real hags. He ought to be forced to marry that butterball just for being so dumb.

It just goes to show that

Dog leash story saved my children's lives!

Editors: Thank you SO MUCH for printing the story about the little boy who choked to death when he was playing like he was a dog with a belt looped around his neck for a leash.

My four children — ages 11½, 10½, 9 and 8 — play a similar "dog game." One When I read your story, I cried, "This could be one of my children!"

I read the story out loud to my children and made them promise never to play that dog game again.

Thank you for opening my eyes to this danger. You might have saved a little child's life. — N.S., Lincoln Park, N.J.

Hot poison martinis cured drunk

Editors: My sister's husband used to think he couldn't begin unless he was drunk out of his mind. But then I read him, and the didn't need any fancy drug rehab to do it, either.

Bob came home and drank martinis every night. I told her she should to the pills. So my sister started adding his martinis with rat poison — not enough to kill the rat, just enough to make him good and sick. He thought his liver had gone and so he quit.

Thanks for my clever ch. J Mr. — A.P., Winston-Salem, N.C.

Your sister is lucky she isn't in prison for murder. There's no way to stop him from drinking! — Editors

Banana appeal!

Mini-monkey Tiny Tim is only a week old, but the lively marmoset is already quite active and very loud! Though she fairly dotes on bananas, her appetite is remarkably large — and strong, for her size. It isn't quite clear yet whether Tim's a boy or girl, but she's definitely female when it comes to her menu! Marmoset monkeys can be found in the remote rain

PLEASE

Killer wimps out when it's

7:00.28 Cowardly Reuben Turner begs for mercy as he is dragged up the steps of the gallows.

CHOMP!

Pit bull declares war — on tires!

When a tethered-out pit bull terrier broke out of his owner's yard, an animal rescue officer had to down him with a tranquilizer gun — to stop the panicked pooch from biting holes in every tire in sight.

Storm's confrontation with the law began when he chased a car driven by high school student Richard Carbone in Elmsford, N.Y. As Carbone pulled in a ring in his school parking lot, the pit bull charged his car and gnawed a hole

rear arrived. Storm flattened three of the cop car's tires.

Minutes later, an animal officer pulled up in a van — and Storm hit a hole in one of his tires.

At that point the officer shot Storm full of tranquilizers and hauled him off to the animal shelter — where his owner later bailed him out.

"The owner told us that Storm was hit by a car a while ago," said Sgt. Frank Nunes.

7:03

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...IS turn to die!

...ld-blooded killer turned ye...
...n it came his turn to die.

...e dramatic photos record the har... moments of life for savage mur... ...shtun Tarraf, who had to be dragged ...to with the hangman

...38-year-old Lebanese butcher wail... ...mercy when he brutally murdered ...gloser Marcel Sahaui and his aging ...nd dismembered their bodies with a ...

...the judge in Beirut, Lebanon, showed ...mercy when he sentenced him to die ...thews and ordered that the executioner ...on the very site where the killer had ...initiated outpost of his victims.

...appointed morning, Tarraf became a ...quivering coward who had to be ...pulling and screaming from his prison ...ow execution.

...first sight of the gallows and the ...executioner, Tarraf's eyes flashed in ...or and he collapsed at the feet of his ...Please! I don't want to die. Please ...e me!"

...slobbering coward huddled whimper... ...gallows, the noose was fitted around ...When Tarraf refused to stand, the ...pushed him to his feet like a sack of ...as Tarraf blubbered out his pleas for ...e executioner was obeying. The crack of ...neck as it snapped could be heard yards ...was pronounced dead and his corpse ...ged off to an unmarked grave.

7:01.20 Limp with fear, the whimpering coward struggles against officers trying to get him on the trap

7:02.55 Police finally succeed in pushing the doomed man up boldly to place the noose around his neck

8 Still desperately struggling for his life, the quivering butcher kicks and

7:05.05 When he refuses to stand, the guards knock him to the trap floor

7:06.40 The trap is sprung and the final act of the drama is over. Tarraf's body

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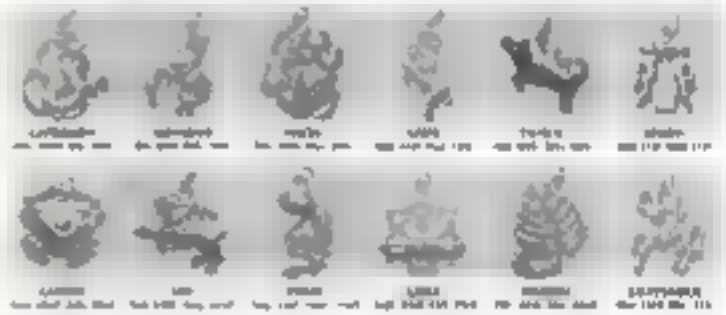

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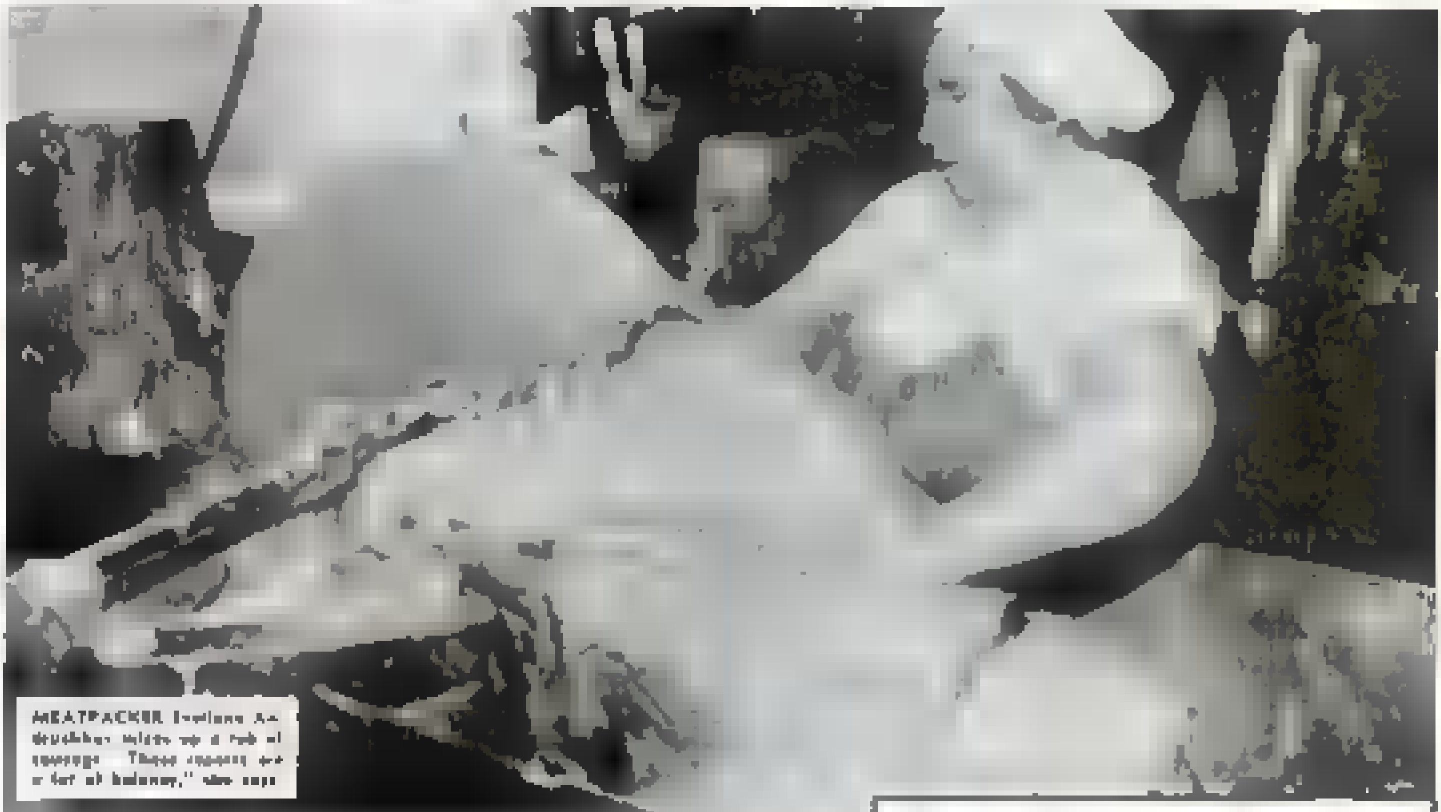
Shocking report says the [illegible] is 'filled with junk'

Russian sausage is so yucky — hungry cats won't eat it!



MEATPACKER [illegible] whips up a tub of sausage. "These reports are a lot of baloney," she says.

By JOE BERGER

Riled-up Russian meatpackers are seeing red over reports their sausage is so sickening even hungry housecats won't touch it.

The newspaper *Literaturnaya Gazeta* says the awful sausage being foisted off on millions of Russians is full of wood, blood, bones, flour, protein paste — and sometimes nails, sand and glass!

Now outraged Soviet sausage barons have filed suit in Moscow demanding a retraction — and insisting it's OK to toss a little garbage in with the ground beef and pork. "No product of this kind will ever be free of a few impurities," said Yuri M. [illegible], head of the [illegible] sausage plant. But

Moscow's meatpackers say: 'What's the beef? A little garbage won't hurt anybody'

newspaper editors defended their claim that the sausage is sickening by offering it to a jury of 30 cats.

Of the 30 felines, only a 3-month-old kitten named Musa deigned to dine on the foul-tasting fare. The rest turned up their noses and stalked off, editors said.

"These cats were not starving, but we made certain they were hungry enough to eat if something edible was set before them," said reporter Alexander [illegible].

"But they took one look at this gray, smelly sausage and decided it wasn't fit to eat. Cats love sausage, but they won't eat this junk-filled stuff — so why would anyone ex-

the sausage is slop because workers who toss it together don't give a hoot whether it's edible or not.

"Blocks of frozen meat aren't unfrozen or washed before being chopped and are happily thrown in with knots of wood and even the trademarks of the factories that produced them," the newspaper reported.

And when nails, sand and glass fall into the concoction, the lazybones sausage makers don't even try to fish them out, editors said.

"For most of us it's the only sausage available," the newspaper noted.

"So the feeling is, you'll eat this garbage and you'll love it."

Sleazeball [illegible] peddlers selling high-tech sex [illegible] porno computers

Smut peddlers have combined sex and technology to make a buck with porno computers.

"It's a form of expression," said the head of one of the new porn computer companies in San Jose, Calif.

[illegible]

[illegible] marketed erotic software for women in Emeryville, Calif.

"It is disgusting," said Betsy [illegible], an administrator for research and development for Apple Computer.

The most notorious porn- [illegible]

drawing of a woman. Using the computer, you can undress [illegible] and handcuff her and perform violent sex acts.

If you want to watch porno at the office right under the boss' nose, there's a panic [illegible]

Bubble boy is allergic to almost everything

Tragic Jonathan Wilson-Potter will spend his entire life in a plastic mask and sealed room because he's allergic to almost everything on Earth.

The 6-year old boy's condition is so rare, so poorly understood, that doctors are powerless to help him. He survives on purified water and the handful of bland foods that don't make him violently ill.

"I think I can say I'm ill because I cannot stand the 20th century," said Jonathan of Sydney, Australia.

Oddly enough, the experts think the boy might be right. His allergies seem to have been triggered or aggravated by the vast array of man-made chemicals in use today.

Jonathan's bedroom has been sealed and sterilized like an operating theater.

If he leaves the room, Jonathan has to slump on the heavy plastic mask and air tank that protects him from the contaminated world that lies just beyond his door.

JONATHAN has to wear a mask if he leaves his room

It's my husband!

Unmasked suspect was no stranger to her

By RAFE KLINGER

A worker at a fast food eatery was stunned when a would-be robber was unmasked — and he turned out to be her husband, cops said.

The unarmed bandit, wearing a pantyhose mask, tried to grab a bag from a 17-year-old girl outside the West Valley City, Utah, drive-in thinking it was a bank bag, said police.

Her 18-year-old boyfriend, a high school football player, grabbed the would-be robber and dragged him inside the restaurant. During the struggle the mask yanked off the mask and the shocked wife, who worked inside, screamed:

"It's my husband!"

Her husband was arrested, charged with attempted robbery and tossed in jail, said police.

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Matt pushes driver out & wrecks car

Joseph Vallone's dog pushed him out of the driver's seat of his car and took off in the vehicle, police say.

Khany, an 8-month-old dog, bothered Vallone out of his car when he stopped at a red light in Norwalk, Conn., and opened his door to get around in front, according to police.

Poor Vallone chased up running after Khany and his car as the vehicle rolled through the intersection and headed toward a utility pole and a building, cops say.

He was too late to avert disaster, though. The car slammed into a building, causing only minor damage to the vehicle and none to the building, police said.

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360-pound woman rolled on top of hubby in bed — then died!

By IRWIN FISHER

Skinny little Claude Dupont spent three hellish days trapped under his 360-pound wife after she rolled on top of him and died while they slept in bed!

Police in Delemont, Switzerland, said the 38-year-old man would have starved to death or suffocated if a neighbor hadn't heard his pitiful cries and summoned help.

"He was dehydrated and hungry and raving like a madman when we finally got him out," Police Lt. Alain Eagny told newsmen.

"He kept shouting: 'Get her off! Get her off!'

"He was so far gone that he didn't even know we had freed him."

Dupont was hospitalized in fair condition but is expected to recover fully, hospital officials said.

After a brief investigation police determined that the plump 36-year-old wife, Helen Dupont, suffered a massive heart attack.

What grim irony it was that she died on her birthday, they said.

"The situation is bizarre to say the least," said Lt. Eagny.

"Mrs. Dupont weighed 360 pounds

Skinny man trapped for 3 days under fat wife's corpse!

Robbers beat up Good Samaritan & steal her car!

A Good Samaritan stopped to help two men involved in a car wreck and the accident victims attacked her and stole her car with $5,000 in it.

Tamara Schneider, who suffered cuts on her arms and legs, is helping us in her hotel and the loss of the car, in the process of her home in New Haven. She still cannot remember all that occurred, her husband said.

According to witnesses, she was driving on a dark and lonely stretch of highway when she noticed two cars ahead of her. Suddenly, one of the cars swerved across the road. Mrs. Schneider pulled over to help them out. They ran toward the woman yelling: "Help us, help us! We're hurt!"

But when the men reached Mrs. Schneider, one struck her in the face and knocked her out. The men then stole Mrs. Schneider's Buick and took off. Inside the victim's car was her purse — with $5,000 in cash she was taking to the bank.

Egg on his face

Angry James Lee stabbed a neighbor to death during a wife argument over a couple of eggs.

Lee, 35, was sentenced to 25 years to three years in prison for negligent homicide in the slaying of James Jones, 38, Cops in Syracuse, N.Y., said they fought over dinner and the egg

Shake a leg

Dark-haired Gina is a vamp in a bikini. Her modeling career is rearing forward as high gear and she keeps in good shape by daily six hours of tennis and swimming.

Hot [redacted] for pampered pooches: Doggie ice [redacted]

A new item in the "what will they think of next" category is ice cream made especially for dogs.

Frosty Paws ice cream will sell in packages of three or four cups each. The dog dessert is made of soy flour, dry whey and 7 percent crude fat, but no milk, which upsets dogs' stomachs.

Distributing the doggie delight is Seymour Creameries of Golden Valley Dairy in Detroit, Mich.

"There's a lot of giggling and tee-hooing about it, but the retailers are buying it," said Bob Grayson, VP at Golden Valley. "Make no bones about it. We expect a lot of sales," he said

Guards catch cons whooping it up at 'party-time' prison

It was party-time at the jailhouse when two female inmates sneaked into a large cell housing 36 males and spent four hours there — before they were caught hiding under a blanket.

Inmates' cells open to a common day room at the jail. The day rooms of the guys's and women's sections are connected by a door that was inadvertently left unlocked.

It wasn't the first time the door had been left unlocked, said inmates at the Arapahoe County Jail in Denver, Colo.

"When the guards aren't looking, you hit it hard and fast," said one prisoner.

One happy inmate said the girl-boy parties have made his jail time not just tolerable, but comfortable. "All I need is a mariwa and a hot tub," he said. "It's like Club Med in here."

The fun stopped when relieved jail officials discovered the two women under the covers.

Raining sardines

It might rain cats and dogs in some places, but in Ipswich, Australia, it recently rained sardines!

Scientists said strong updrafts pulled the fish from shallow waters off Brisbane into the atmosphere. The live sardines were dumped on stunned residents of Ipswich, 30 miles inland during a thunderstorm.

Hot cocoa blows roof off factory

A bizarre explosion caused by hot cocoa blew a gaping hole in the roof of a factory.

Workers at a chocolate company in Union City, Calif., were making chocolate from red cocoa beans. A press pushing the chocolate paste malfunctioned or the chocolate overheated, said Fire Chief Joe Perry.

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UPPITY GALS HAVE GONE TOO FAR!

FEMINISTS — activist Ross Virgin says women's libbers want more than a fair share — they want it all. So he's declared war on them to defend men's rights.

By Mikael Aaltion

Women's Libbers beware! Ross Virgin has declared war on feminists — and already he's mustered thousands of angry males to join in the battle.

The Woodbridge, Canada, ambulance driver believes loud-mouthed feminists are behind much of what ails our society and he'd like to see them brought down a peg or two. So he's started a campaign to change divorce laws, rape laws and laws on wife and child abuse. He wants men to have the same rights enjoyed by women, he says.

Fed-up bachelor declares war on pushy feminists

"We've all been hearing about feminists," Virgin, a 43-year-old bachelor, told The NEWS. "Well, I'm bringing up the flip side that hasn't been heard before.

"Feminists have been yelling for years that they want equal rights, but it's our position that feminists don't really want equality. They want laws that give them an unfair advantage over men — they seem to have forgotten about equal responsibility."

Virgin has founded an organization to defend men's rights and dubbed it "The Search of Justice." So far, 8,100 guys have joined him in lobbying for a change in social policies they feel are unjust to men.

The group wants to do away with child support, replacing it with shared custody (in which each parent in a divorce case supports and cares for his children for half of the year. They want failure to have a right to see their children or to withhold support without penalty.

They want changes in the way rape cases are handled in court, making it possible to admit evidence about a rape victim's sexual history. They want the state laws changed so women can't use them as "weapons" against men by falsely charging them.

"If girls can get on men's teams, then we want men on girls' teams," Virgin said. "We're applied to get into women's clubs just like the feminists have applied to join private men's clubs.

"We seem to be ruffling a few feathers with this — it's surprising.

"Feminists can dish it out, but they can't take it.

"Hey, I love woman — it's just debauchery I don't like."

Did bad grades boy snuff dad to avoid a whipping?

A teenage boy is accused of pumping three deadly shots into his father because the boy was afraid of getting a whipping for his bad grades.

"The boy hadn't been doing well in school and his daddy threatened to tan his hide with a belt," said Sheriff Bucky Hanks. Johnny Daniels, 17, was charged with murder in the shooting of his dad, Nathan Daniels Jr., 44, in the living room of their Greenwood, Miss., home. The boy had received seven D's.

"Johnny and his father had words over the grades and the boy took a 22-caliber pistol from a drawer," said Sheriff Hanks. "But he neither needs him put the gun away."

Later, when the video from his threatened again to whip the boy, Johnny grabbed a 22-caliber rifle, walked up to his father and fired away, said Sheriff Hanks.

The teenager, a junior in high school, was being held in the Leflore County Jail on $50,000 bond.

— JACK ALEXANDER

'Superman' toddler jumps out window

A super lucky 3-year-old boy escaped without a scratch when he plunged headfirst out a second-story window — after watching Superman on TV.

"He thought he could fly and decided to give it a shot," said Capt. Ed Reed of the Fire Protection District in Crestline, Calif.

Fortunately, mighty little man of steel Brandon McCord took a pillow with him when he leaped out the window of his parents' home.

"The pillow probably saved him from death or serious injury because he landed on it," said Capt. Reed. "The ground was soft and muddy from the melting snow, and that helped."

Paramedics rushed the little boy to a hospital, but doctors could find no injuries — "not as much as a scratch," said Capt. Reed.

that Florida days don't settle Orange the night. He just slips into a cool pair of big boxers or Wing

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European royalty is credited with rekindling interest in chamber pots, which are nothing more than fancy buckets that people without plumbing used to keep by their beds.

The blue bloods began to display the old chamber pots that had been passed down from generation to generation in their families — and a new status symbol was born.

"The whole thing really caught fire late last year," said Miss Feger. "Now an entire industry is going full steam, designing and manufacturing chamber pots for anyone with the money to buy them."

Gerald Ortner, a West German industrialist, may have one of the most expensive collections of chamber pots in continental Europe.

At last count he had 35 pots worth an estimated $1.5 million. "It sounds like a lot of money but these really are exquisite pieces," said Ortner. "Several of them qualify as works of art."

Nobody knows how long the potty trend will last but Miss Feger believes it's good for another five years at least.

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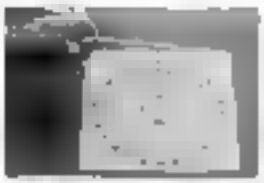

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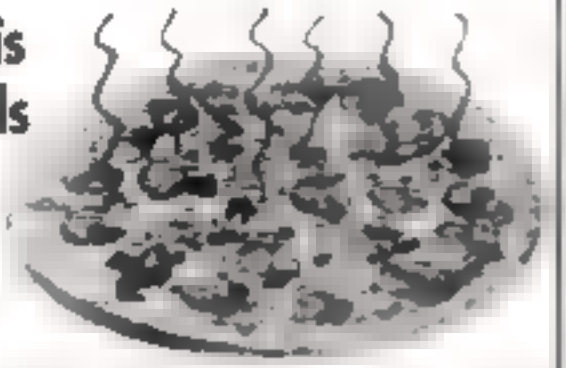

American kids are crazy about the smell of pizza.

When 12,000 kids were asked what aromas they'd love to a dessert island, the smell of pizza was tops followed by vanilla, bubblegum, new cars, pickles and bacon.

The survey was conducted by Yankee Candle which makes allergy-friendly

Indian lights ritual fire — in her hospital room!

A Chippewa Indian woman has slapped a hospital with a lawsuit claiming they violated her religious freedom when they stopped her from burning a sage plant in her room as part of an Indian religious ritual.

Hospital officials said the sage burning took a fire hazard and violated the no-smoking policy. Helen Taylor Baker, a Chippewa from Minneapolis, was trying to burn the sage — a plant with grayish-green aromatic leaves — like incense during a ceremony the Indians use to purify people and objects.

She believed the ritual would help in her recovery from spinal-fusion surgery at Hennepin County Medical Center.

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"I knew right off it was my baby's teeth," tragic mom Wonder Rose of Columbus, Ohio, told newsmen. "It was chipped on both sides just like hers."

"All I want to do now is take her home. I want to take my baby home and have her a nice funeral."

Mary Rose' daughter, 9-year-old Nydra Rose, vanished from a residential neighborhood in Columbus last year. Her skeletal remains were found by a hunter several months later, but police were unable to make a positive identification until now.

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New shocker in the Devil's Triangle!

Man buried at sea in 1926 found alive!

'Where [redacted]!' he asks stunned fishermen who pulled [redacted] body bag from the ocean

By [redacted]

A 84-year-old yachtsman who died and was buried at sea in 1926 was found alive and well in the Devil's Triangle last month — on February 26!

Michel-Yves Gayan was frightened and disoriented when the crew of a Panamanian fishing vessel found him bobbing in a white canvas body bag 75 miles south of Bermuda.

He did know his name and seemed to have vivid recollections of his life which ended when he died of cancer in a Bermuda hospital 63 years ago and began all over again last month.

"There is no doubt that the man in who he says he is because we have a death certificate, complete with fingerprints to prove it," Dr Harold Jensen, who examined the man in a Bermuda clinic, told reporters.

"Don't ask me to explain why or how this man came back to life. I have absolutely no explanation for it. Greater minds than mine are working to solve that mystery right now."

Documents on file in Bermuda confirm that Gayan, a Frenchman, passed to the eternal reward on March 24, 1926. The record clearly shows that Michel-Yves Gayan was wrapped in white canvas and lowered into the sea south of Bermuda, in the Devil's Triangle, on that date.

What happened to Gayan in the years that followed has yet to be determined. Judging from pictures taken before his death, it doesn't appear that he suffered any physical injuries.

MAN was discovered at spot marked X, south of Bermuda.

Dr. Jensen said that Gayan was disoriented and frightened when he was found floating in the sea and starts.

He reportedly revealed a lengthy encounter with "glowing white angels." But it wasn't clear whether he was describing space aliens or people in heaven, Dr Jensen said.

Panamanian fishing boat Capt Gabriel Diaz added to the mystery by saying that Gayan was disoriented and panicky when he was plucked from the sea.

"Gayan's first words were 'Where am I?' And he was very nervous," Capt Diaz told reporters.

"When we asked him what he was doing in a body bag, he said as he was dead. He kept referring to the year 1926. And he told us about his life in France and Bermuda up to that date."

The fishing vessel took Gayan to Bermuda and turned him over to the authorities, who escorted him to Dr Jensen's clinic.

He has since been jetted to the Zurich Psychiatric Institute, where Dr. Charles Greder is trying to find out what happened to Gayan after his death in 1926.

"The man has been through something that the human mind can't comprehend," Dr Greder said. "He's not always lucid and spoke in fits and starts.

"When he does I am sure that we will hear things that will interest and possibly even benefit all mankind."

Dr. Greder says it could take months to learn all there is to know about Gayan. He expects to publish a full scientific report on the patient and

DR. Harold Jensen examines Gayan.

EXPERTS studying the mystery man, Michel-Yves Gayan, displayed this photo of him taken before his death.

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Dancing in the dark has been illegal in Minnesota for the past 86 years and a state legislator wants to wipe the old hoofy-dudsy law off the books.

State Senator Jerry Hughes has introduced a bill to repeal the law that requires public dancing places to be brightly lighted.

Every teenager since the dawn of rock 'n' roll would have been arrested if cops had been enforcing the 1903 law.

Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse in the famous "Dancing in the Dark" routine from the movie "The Band Wagon."

Dog owner wants midget chauffeur for tiny pooch

A New Jersey pet store owner is searching for a chauffeur less than 3 feet tall to haul his prized Chihuahua pup around town.

Peppy Preston has received about 20 replies since he placed an ad in a St. Petersburg, Fla., newspaper for the midget-sized chauffeur.

Preston, who owns a jewelry store that also sells dog jewelry, wants his beloved pet, Peppy Preston, a 2½-year-old, three-pound pet, to ride in style.

The new chauffeur will drive the tiny pooch around in a red and black miniature Model T, because Preston, at 6-foot-2½, is too tall to get behind the wheel.

"To me it seems reasonably normal," said Preston. "Other people find it rather unusual."

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Sticky mouse trap shocks animal lovers

Animal lovers are up in arms over a device that traps pesky mice on boards of sticky goo!

"It's disgusting. It's sick," fumed Dan Maradeo, an official with the New Castle Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Halifax, Canada.

An investigator for the agency declared, "Some of the mice might struggle for hours and hours and hours while trying to get free."

The new mousetrap catches mice on boards of sticky, non-toxic glue.

The stuck critters are left to die slowly and painfully, say critics, of starvation, dehydration or exhaustion.

But pest control expert said people who don't want the trapped rodents to suffer a long time should simply whack them over the head with a stick.

King of beers

Budweiser really is the king of beers. According to an industry newsletter, Americans bought and drank more Bud in 1989 than Miller Lite, Bud Light, Coors Light and Busch — the other leading brands — combined.

Miracle nun floats in the air & heals the sick!

By RAGAN DUNN

A 96-year-old miracle nun has stunned church leaders and scientists with her ability to heal the sick, fly like a bird and double the size of her body at will!

The woman called Mother Hope can also materialize in two places at once. And every Easter blood flows from mysterious stigmata-like wounds that appear on her hand.

"Mother Hope is a woman of extraordinary supernatural ability," Dr. Dario Laura, the paranormal researcher, told reporters in Perugia, Italy. "I have seen her rise up into the air and fly great distances.

"She heals the sick simply by laying her hands on them. And she can expand her body up to twice its normal size at will.

"She is truly a remarkable lady.

AMAZING Mother Hope is still going strong at 96. The bandage on her right hand covers the bleeding stigmata wound she got each Easter. At left, she met with Pope Paul VI in 1966.

Mother Hope didn't always have such incredible powers. As a child growing up in Spain she was sickly and frail.

When she devoted her life to God and her church work in 1900, her colleagues reportedly doubted that she was strong enough to do much good.

Her mind-boggling feats of levitation began after she founded a monastery in Peru. Almost overnight she began to perform incredible feats.

Soon after she had cured hundreds of people of everything from cancer and arthritis to heart disease and mental illness.

And both scientists and religious leaders agree that it is the power of her faith that enables her to perform her miracles.

Mother Hope is a living saint," Father Ignazio Lapenna told Italian newsmen.

She has devoted her life to the Lord. And He works His miracles through her.

The ninety-six nun has even been known to appear in two places at the same time.

"We have documented proof that she was in Perugia at a school in Peru-gia at the exact moment she was giving a patient of terminal cancer a hospital 250 miles away."

Robbers' getaway car explodes!

Two would-be bandits burned up a robbery and when the gunfight ended in death their getaway car exploded.

One of the gunfighting crooks began the robbery by sticking his knife in the back of Queens, N.Y., gas station attendant Jose Gonzalez and saying, "Give me all the money."

Gonzalez, who was pumping gasoline into the car at the time, whirled around in surprise and sprayed the robber with gasoline.

The bandits jumped in their car and fled the scene. A few blocks away, their car exploded.

The driver escaped from the burning wreckage, but his buddy suffered fourth-level burns over 80 percent of his body and died. The man hospitalized in critical condition. Cops don't know what

Flaming blowtorch forced down woman's throat — because she owed $80!

Three sadistic sickos forced a flaming blowtorch down a pregnant woman's throat — because she owed them $80 and couldn't pay.

By JACK ALEXANDER

"Anyone who would do something horrible like that to another human being is nothing but an animal," said Police Lt. Frank Dowd.

The 35-year-old woman, whose name was withheld, is in intensive care condition at a Providence, R.I., hospital, but is still in danger of internal bleeding from the terrifying ordeal, said Lt. Dowd.

Two weeks before the brutal attack, the woman borrowed the victim was unable to repay the cocaine she had bought.

"The following week they confronted and assaulted her friend and demanded payment," said Lt. Dowd.

When the woman refused, her tormentors retaliated and forced the flaming blowtorch down her throat when she didn't have the money.

Neighbors reported the woman dazed on the sidewalk outside her apartment. "She couldn't talk and kept pointing to her throat," said Lt. Dowd.

Three suspects have been charged with assault with intent to commit murder in connection with the brutal crime. Jailed were Lamont Smith, 17, Derek Smith, 18, and Jeffrey Wilson, 19.

Passion for go-go dancer makes [redacted] murder wife

Nearly eight years after the slaying, a man was convicted of murdering his wife in a shopping mall parking lot during an argument over his fling with a go-go dancer.

Authorities in Paterson, N.J., said John Short had been a prime suspect in the murder of his 24-year-old wife, Candice, at the time of her slaying in June 1981.

But after five months of digging, police didn't have enough evidence to charge Short and dropped the investigation.

The case was reopened in 1987 when [illegible] Brejack, a [illegible] former Paterson police detective, passed the prosecutor's office as an investigator and was assigned to the Short case.

Brejack reinterviewed witnesses and conducted an investigation that led to Short's indictment on murder charges.

Brunck told jurors that Short killed his wife during a violent argument in her car at the Willowbrook Mall.

Brunck said Short, now 36, slammed his wife's head against the dashboard, strangled her and then stabbed her in the chest.

Brunck said that one week before the murder Short got go-go dancer Diane Lovejoy, 23, at a Newark bar.

"Short was attracted to this new dancer at the bar and arranged to meet her that evening," the prosecutor said.

"They spent the night together and when she told him she was a widow, he told her he was a widower. He claimed his wife had been killed eight months earlier when she was dragged on the way to a dance lesson. That was a week before he killed his wife."

Jurors deliberated for two days before finding Short guilty of murder. Short who is remarried — but not to the go-go dancer — was taken into custody while awaiting sentencing.

— PETE COOKY

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THERESA sets on her stump board as she shows a pair of artificial legs she was sent from Holland. She would prefer to get around on her hands and

Cripple freezes in wheelchair . . .

when he can't make [redacted] up icy driveway!

By JACK ALEXANDER

Gutsy cripple Stephen Maples struggled to roll his wheelchair into his home, but he kept slipping and sliding on the icy driveway — and finally froze to death.

"When you consider what the poor guy went through out there alone in freezing weather, it hurts your heart out," said Police Sgt. Edward Balagia.

The temperature was in the 20s when Maples, 38, pulled his specially equipped van up to his Austin, Tex., home about midnight after visiting a friend.

A quadriplegic, Maples was able to position his electric wheelchair on a lift at his van and lower himself to the ground. Skid marks indicated the cripple spun the wheels of his wheelchair on the icy driveway trying to move up hill to his front door.

"Maples apparently slipped backward and got stuck on the lift ramp," said Sgt. Balagia. "It was a tragic death. He must have yelled for help for hours and nobody heard him because of a howling wind."

Neighbors found Maples about 8 a.m., but it was too late. The official cause of death was [redacted]

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Heavy metal teens commit suicide

Rock music & satanism killed my son, says heartbroken dad

By SUSAN JAMISON

David Oliver and his best friend Phil Gomiser were typical teenagers until satanism and heavy metal music drove them to a tragic double suicide, said police and the boys' parents.

The teens' bodies were found side by side in the woods near their Lake Worth, Fla., homes days after they were reported missing. The two 16-year-olds had taken their lives with a shotgun, according to police.

TRAGIC suicide — David Oliver

Near the boys' corpses, police found heavy metal symbols cut into plastic foam "Hamburglars."

"The lyrics in heavy metal music talk only about the bad things in life and how good it would be to end your life," said Phillip Gomiser Sr., Phil's father. "If you listen to something over and over and over again, you're going to get into that frame of mind. He was abused into death."

According to authorities, the two boys shared an interest in drawing and had become close a few months before their deaths.

"There were a lot of indications that they were involved with heavy metal music and satanism," said Bob Farrell, a spokesman from the Palm Beach County sheriff's office. "One of the boys had a lot of paraphernalia and that type of drawing in his room."

In their last days of life, the boys had become so withdrawn that they rarely spoke to friends and family, witnesses say. They began speaking of suicide, but friends didn't take the threats seriously.

Then, on January 31, the two teens left suicide notes.

"Don't feel bad. You can't stop us. Remember us and forgive us. Goodbye." the notes said.

A teenage friend told Phil's father he'd seen the two boys heading into the woods near their home with a shotgun. A gun that belonged to David's brother was missing from under his bed.

After several days, Gomiser searched the woods where his son had last been seen — and found the two dead teenagers.

Near their bodies, Gomiser found a tape recorder with a played-out Led Zeppelin music tape.

Seemingly-like markings had been carved in Styrofoam headstones along with the letters RIP and the boys' names.

"I could talk to him, but I think his friends had more influence with Phil than I did," Gomiser said.

EVERY parent's nightmare. The teens committed suicide while listening to the music of heavy metal pioneers Led Zeppelin, whose guitar player Jimmy Page is shown here.

Physicals are a waste of time

Routine physical examinations are a waste of time and money, a startling new report reveals.

In fact, all the thumping, teeching, listening and probing doctors do during their examinations serves little purpose other than to reassure patients.

The analysis was prepared by Dr. Vivian Chaiken of the Denver Veterans Administration Medical Center in Colorado and Dr. Mark LaFerte of Saranac Hospital in Rochester, N.Y.

The experts admit that there are exceptions to their conclusions. For example, people who are known to run a high risk of cancer or heart disease should have frequent periodic examinations, they said.

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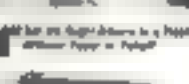

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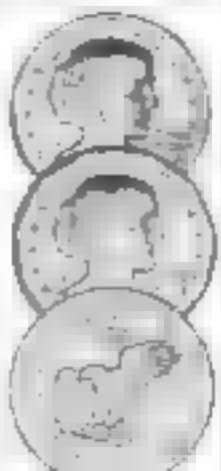

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Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You can expect some mood swings this week when you have to deal with an emotional crisis.

Be patient with newly married mate, Aries.

What seems bizarre and unusual behavior to you now will be understood at a later date, and be a source of happiness.

An impulsive time to enter contests and sweepstakes. However, keep in mind that a small sum designated each week to a personal bank account results in a sure thing.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

Your boss is offering you good advice about career opportunities that have come your way. Both can be both strong-willed and stubborn, which can work against you, Taurus, or fatten up.

Pyramid with caution this week, and be on guard against a freak accident and possible physical injury.

An existing problem with your loved one can be solved if you will make the first move.

Admit that you were wrong, and ask for forgiveness.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

Promotions are up for grabs at your workplace. Focus on putting your best foot forward as well as demonstrating on performing your duties.

Lucky lady twin, you find that perfect outfit you've been shopping for. And yes, it could help make that once-in-a-lifetime occasion you've been looking forward to.

Jealous feelings erupt when your spouse engages in conversation with an attractive guest at a weekend social event.

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Exhaustion from a weekend social whirl puts you all in a rough start this week.

Your keen investigative skills bring many bonuses to the fore and may cause trouble with co-workers unless you can control your temper.

Midweek, a surprise visit from a long-distance relative proves enjoyable as well as profitable, when they bring news of a small inheritance, including a family heirloom which has great sentimental value for you.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

Single Lions find romance blooms with your tutored grooming a long-term arrangement that could include starting wedding plans.

One of your major concerns at the moment should be your financial goals.

Spend time considering ways your savings can work for you. Consultation may be the key.

Your talents for entertaining and being a gourmet cook are spotlighted at a weekend gathering of family and friends in your home.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Your undeniably healthy diet of fruits and vegetables, plus increased exercise has resulted in the trim and slim you reflected in your mirror.

However, you don't seem to have the pep you used to. Your diet may be lacking in protein. Try adding small amounts of poultry and fish to your meals.

You and your partner discuss travel plans over the weekend, but no decisions are made as you can't agree on a destination.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

During the coming week you lack confidence when dealing with a new acquaintance. This sometimes happens to introverted Libras, but can be overcome. Practicing social skills on your close friends and family members may help you to feel more at ease with strangers.

Midweek, your already frenzied nerves are stretched to the breaking point when your growing list of domestic chores and obligations threatens to monopolize your weekend, leaving no free time.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You begin your work week amidst a strike, as you and colleagues don't see eye to eye on proposed projects and tempers flare.

Worried Scorpios may find themselves frustrated by their financial picture.

You have the desire to travel; anywhere. Just as long as you and your spouse are alone and away from it all. Not alone, no family. The solution may be to hire a baby-sitter and have a romantic rendezvous close to home.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Friends help you to accomplish major tasks early in the week, and later they also help you celebrate with an evening on the town.

Tempers flare among members midweek, with you playing the role of peacemaker. Presenting love offerings, flowers and small gifts will help soothe hurt feelings.

Over the weekend you will receive news from afar, and discover that an elderly female relative will play a significant role in your future.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Cosmic signs are unfavorable for mixing friendship and finances, either through a personal loan or an investment in a new business venture. Wait for a more auspicious time before proceeding.

The weekend finds you in a festive mood, feeling romantic, and spending a cozy evening with your beloved.

Store the dominant color in your aura during this period is yellow — the color of gold — an investment in jewelry may be indicated.

If your birthday is this week . . .

Lady Luck will take a special liking to you over the coming months. Good things will happen without you having to lift a finger.

Romance will blossom anew between you and your partner and marriage, a travel-shopping lover will enter your life.

Promotions and raises are on the horizon at work. Just keep a steady, even pace.

A trip to a big, exciting city looms. There you will get welcome help from a stranger in a dark, American-made car. Look for a gold ring with the in-

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You can expect three surprises at the week's beginning. One from your loved one which will delight you, one from a family member which solves a riddle and one from a business associate which will discuss your peace of mind.

Midweek, superiors are analyzing you to analyzing duties.

Plunging your weekend in (a) studies a few hours of solitude, as well as quiet periods with relaxing hobbyhorse, should soothe your

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your week begins with you scrambling around to cover yourself after you miss an important appointment because of lack of communication with an office assistant.

You indecisive to overindulge rash a student over a hard-to-word-to social occasion. With your more reticent to accept the invitation and participate.

Keep close tabs on that raffle ticket in your possession, as during this period, Pisces, your knack of luck is extraordinary!

Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sabah's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

Aries	Mar. 21 – Apr. 19	3, 14, 18, 19, 22, 25	Libra	Sept. 23 – Oct. 22	10, 14, 16, 20, 23, 26
Taurus	Apr. 20 – May 20	4, 10, 20, 23, 32, 37	Scorpio	Oct. 23 – Nov. 21	1, 10, 22, 27, 35, 41
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Leo	July 23 – Aug. 22	4, 10, 17, 19, 42, 44	Aquarius	Jan. 20 – Feb. 18	12, 20, 24, 32, 37, 39
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Amazing little girl proves she is reincarnation of chieftain's son!

By VALERIE EAL

In an amazing case of reincarnation, a 6-year-old girl startled her parents by recalling her previous life as the son of a village chieftain.

Not only did little Gayani Gunawardene convince her parents of her past life as a young man named Bandara Panagamp, but she led them to the village of her previous life.

And she solved the mystery of how, as a young man, she had died in 1966 — 14 years before she was born in her present body in 1980.

Even more startling, she revealed where she had been during the 14-year gap between her deaths and her rebirth.

"I was in the sky like a bird," said little Gayani, who lives with her parents in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

"But I was not a bird. I was just floating like a bird."

Gayani's mother Manel and father Lionel said no talking of their toddler's previous existence.

And when Gayani began talking about her grandmother the parents thought it was just wishful thinking — because Gayani's grandparents were dead.

Then Gayani began babbling strangely about her other father, her grandmother, the place she had lived, her life as Bandara and how he had drowned.

Finally an uncle suggested her parents listen to the 3-year-old. So they followed Gayani's instructions.

When the family arrived at the village as directed Gayani yelled "stop." Jumping out of the car and running a few steps she hopped on the bus and when an elderly man descended the steps she jumped into his arms yelling: "Father! I am your son Bandara!"

Bandara Panagamp who died 20 years ago was reborn as a girl in another village

Her parents explained what was happening to the stupefied elder man who was the village chief. He let little Gayani guide him through his house pointing out things that she couldn't possibly have known.

When she saw the gold grandfather clock which was a chief and cherished it as her own she took the old man's gold watch from his pocket and suggested the girl "like playing with Bandara's new toy."

Later Gayani told her first father and mother parents that 25-year-old Bandara had drowned in a drainage ditch and his body in a drainage ditch and the ditch where he drowned.

Gayani insisted he had accidentally fallen in and drowned.

LITTLE Gayani Gunawardene, 6, led her parents to the village where she lived as a man in her previous life

Naked crook escapes mob

An angry mob allowed a strange sight to escape because they were too busy to notice the chase — after the crook stripped off all his clothes and dashed away naked as a jaybird!

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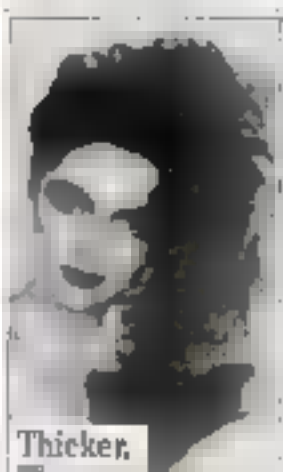

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For 22 years, tragic freak has lived with nature's mistake!

Unborn twin dangles from man's belly!

By JOE [redacted]

Takhsmi Hasan is a stomach-turning freak, a hapless creature condemned to live with the partially developed body of his unborn twin dangling grotesquely from his abdomen.

His life was hell until he found a little happiness — begging at a religious shrine

But after years of soul-shattering torment, the pitiful man has finally found a taste of happiness — as a tattered beggar at a sacred shrine.

"For the first time in my life, I have enough to eat almost every day," Hasan told The NEWS.

"A lot of people come by here and feel sorry for me. Having enough in my cup to let me support myself.

"The people are nice to me but they never stop to talk. Most of them don't like to look at me for very long."

Doctors say the awful deformity was caused by a rare genetic accident — one in three that produce Siamese twins. And it brought anguish to Hasan and his family from the moment he was born 22 years ago in the Assam providence of India.

The attendants and midwife screamed in horror at their first sight of the bizarre baby with two legs and a heavy fetal protruding from his abdomen.

The news spread fast, and uneducated villagers came from miles around to gawk at the child. They cursed at the infant's heartsick mother and branded the baby a devil — demanding that his father kill him.

"The people of the village were naive and ignorant — and when they saw that baby they thought he was a bearer of evil," said a doctor who examined Hasan later.

"They thought he would spread death or sickness through the region if he were allowed to live."

Incredibly, even Hasan's frantic dad says suggested that the little boy be done away with. But his devoted mom shielded the baby from harm, often locking him away to keep others from attacking him.

Hasan has never gone to school because his parents were too poor to send him — and because other children harassed him unmercifully or beat him up every time he ventured into the streets.

"They made life an absolute hell for that boy," recalled his mother.

When he was 15 the wretched youngster left his village in search of a haven far away where he might find peace.

For years he lived like a vagabond, roaming from town to town, scrounging meals from garbage bins and begging for handouts.

But he never found a home until he made his way to the sacred Moslem shrine in Ajmer visited by thousands of pilgrims every day.

Now he spends his days squatting in the street before the shrine, pleading for the alms that will keep him alive.

"The people I meet now are not a religious mission and they're kinder to me than those I've met anywhere in our life," Hasan said.

"A freak like me can never be truly happy because I'll never have friends or a woman's love — but I have reason to smile now.

"At least I can live without fear of being harmed by a hateful mob that blames me for their own misfortunes. I wonder what life would be like as a normal person."

A GENETIC accident, similar to one that produces Siamese twins, left Takhsmi Hasan with his grotesque deformity. He's finally found peace at a shrine.

WW2 wreckage found

The wreckage of a World War 2 plane that vanished in 1944 has been found in a rain forest in northern Australia. The plane, a troop carrier of the Royal Netherlands East Indies Air Force, disappeared on a flight from Dutch New Guinea to Cairns, Australia on Sept. 3, 1944. There were three

Lost mutt finds her way home — 170 miles & 23 days later

A puppy that was lost in the desert showed up on its owner's doorstep 23 days later — after making an incredible 170-mile journey home!

"I couldn't believe it when I saw her," said Anna Teague of Brawley, Calif., following the miraculous return of her 10-month-old boxer, Kahjua.

The pup's odyssey began on a trip to Phoenix with Mrs. Teague's daughter, Susan, when her car blew a tire and rolled over on Interstate 8 about 30 miles outside Phoenix.

The terrified dog jumped through the car's broken windshield and disappeared into the desert.

A truck driver stopped to help and drove Susan to Phoenix after she spent an hour searching for the lost puppy.

"A few days later I spent two weeks," Susan said. "I never thought

Will I go to jail for blowing up the sheriff?

Dear Countess Sobek: Me and my family has been in the liquor business for the past 100 years, making whiskey in our backyard.

Well, the county sheriff doesn't like my dad and he told, "Don't make whiskey no more or I'll send you and yours to jail." Well, my dad ignored him because we've been in the whiskey business a long time and it's a tradition in our family.

The sheriff came with some government men and we ran them running and dad said to me, "We'll blow this still up, girl," and we had some dynamite and we did.

The trouble was my dad used too much dynamite and it blew up and burned the sheriff's eyebrows clean off and it scared the government men and now they're trying to say we tried to kill them with the dynamite.

Now my dad's in jail and I'm not so bad and my mamma's heart is broke.

I was born April 20, 1970, and I have a question for you Countess. Do you see me going to jail like my dad or do you see us going free and staying in the liquor business? Our whiskey is real good stuff and sells for just $4 a pint. — Troubled in Tennessee

Dear Troubled: I do see prison bars, my dear, at least for a while. I'm afraid your father will spend some time without his freedom. You, on the other hand, will go free. I suggest you immediately find a lawyer and reduce the severity of your father's sentence. I also do not see a bright future for you in whiskey manufacturing. I suggest you try a different line of work.

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Dear Countess Sobek: I was born on 1/1/40 and my husband was born on 6/25/40. It seems that no matter how far in advance we make our plans, at the last minute they go haywire. Nothing seems to go right for us, and I'm wondering if one or both of us are born under a bad luck sign.

This may sound trivial to you, but how would you like to save for an outing or a special purchase and then have to spring your plans because something unexpected comes along and eats up the money?

Will you please look into our futures and tell us if we are forever doomed. — V.S. in Louisiana

Dear V.S.: Pluto has been interfering in the affairs of Uranus for some time now, but when the little trickster moves out of your sign next month things should improve.

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Dear Countess Sobek: I recently opened a clothing store and am having trouble getting merchandise since I have very little money out so can't work with me on credit.

Is there any good news ahead for me? My birth date is 7/3/42. — T.B. in Georgia

Dear T.B.: Financial opportunities are in abundance for the creative Cancer for the next few months and there are several unexpected windfalls right at your fingertips.

However, be wary of any new proposals something which seems too good to be true, it is!

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Dear Countess Sobek: I was married at age 17 to a man who was a drunk and a bully. Although I considered it a bad marriage, I stuck it out, and we celebrated our 20th anniversary last November.

We have two married children who all live in other cities. I worked hard at home to raise them, and also held down an outside job for 19 years.

We've never had much money, never had a new car and owned our own home.

I am very discouraged and unhappy. My husband doesn't talk to me, he just sits and sleeps day and night.

I have entered every one of the sweepstakes that came through the mail, hoping to win and have a better life. Do you see this happening? I was born 3/22/18. — L.R. in Kentucky

Dear L.R.: When the full moon illuminates your sign in April, you'll reach a new understanding and acceptance of your husband's behavior, both in the past and now.

Once this occurs you'll be able to reassess the years of your marriage and develop a more positive attitude towards them. Future years will bring you much happiness.

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Dear Countess Sobek: I have lived in San Francisco for over twenty-four years. I never liked living here, and want to move away.

I am very unhappy and depressed over this, and I am considering returning to my native country. Can you tell me what is in the stars for me? I was born 1/29/24. — L.R. in California

Dear L.R.: Next month brings a major change of some kind which could be the sale of your property and a change of residence. Also, Neptune enters your sign featuring a journey in an unusual matter, so perhaps you are destined to return to your homeland.

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Dear Countess Sobek: My birthday was March 29 of 1932. Last year my only child informed me he never wanted to see or hear from me again, because I was invading his privacy. I think he is on some kind of drugs, because I had only called him four times in nine months.

I pray constantly for an end. Will he ever be saved? Will he ever love me? What should I do to help? Please help. — B.J. in Oklahoma

Dear B.J.: When Mars moves out of your sign at the end of the month the tension between you and your son should ease.

I see both of you drawing closer over the next few months, though he will still insist on what he calls "his privacy."

On a brighter note, there is a charming and handsome Pisces in your horizon who will help you fill your days lovely hours.

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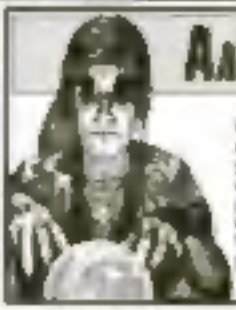

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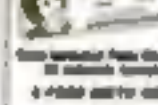

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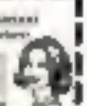

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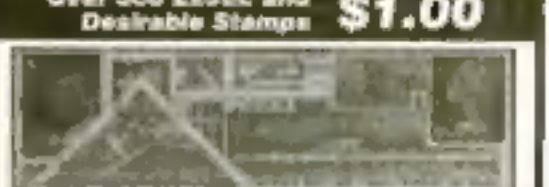

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Bloodthirsty Great White eats diver — whole!

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SHARK hunters — fishermen who are more used to hunting sardines — set out in search of the Great White killer shark.

Whining cons go to court — to get their dirty books

By PETE COONE

Inmates who made a federal case out of being deprived of girlie magazines have forced prison officials to set up a porno reading room for them.

"Most of the prison population, probably 99.5 percent, wouldn't care less about hardcore pornography," said John Thalacker, warden of the Iowa Men's Reformatory in Anamosa. "But we've had to accommodate those few who are interested."

Warden Thalacker said the trouble started when convicts filed a federal lawsuit against prison officials claiming that magazines not banned by state law shouldn't be banned by prison policy.

U.S. District Court Judge Harold Vietor agreed with the inmates, requiring prison officials to let the institution's 900 convicts have access to porno magazines.

"Rather than allowing inmates to have this material in their cells, we decided it would be better to set up a porno reading room," the warden said. "The reading room is used for a variety of other things during the day, but in the evening inmates are permitted to read their pornographic material there."

Warden Thalacker said inmates who want porno magazines must obtain their own material, which is kept in a locked cabinet in the reading room.

"Inmates can come in and check out their material to read for half an hour twice a

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Counterfeiter's business flops — over a bum check

Enterprising Jose Martinez found himself behind bars after his skip-tracers repossessed his photocopy machine — and found a few of the phony $50 bills he's been making!

The repo men took the counterfeit bills to cops and they paid a visit to 30-year-old Martinez' home-based printing business in Cathermes, Canada.

The slammer when cops found $24,000 in bogus $50 bills hidden under his bed and under a basement pool table.

His funny-money scheme came apart at the seams when he wrote a bad $25,000 check as a down payment on a new $67,000 full-color photocopy machine.

Martinez was convicted. He

JAWS behind the shark hunters aboard the "Tenacia" are part of a specially constructed cage in which a man will be lowered to try to lure the killer shark into their trap.

REAL-LIFE JAWS!

By JACK ALEXANDER

In an incredible real-life drama that rivals the movie *Jaws*, two fishermen in a small wooden boat are hunting for a giant, 25-foot Great White shark that has eaten one man and is terrorizing a small seaside town.

Seaside villagers live in terror of huge killer shark

"The monster must be caught before it kills again," said Roberto Pozzo, police chief of the tiny Italian port of Piombino.

Shark-hunting fishermen Aldo Guerrieri and Sergio Renaldi Sarsby ranged with their ...ves February 6, during one ...ghtening battle with the mammoth beast, which weighs ...bout 1½ tons.

"It was night and we saw ...m by the light of the moon ...ending our boat," Renaldi told ...e newspaper Il Tirreno. ...Suddenly the incredible cre...ture charged and shattered ...e boat, sending us sprawling ...nto the sea.

"We were taking on water. ...ldo started up the pumps as I ...ood on the starboard side ...ith my harpoon. Fortunately, ...ur engine worked and we ...imped back to shore. That sun...d-a-bitch followed us back, ...very step of the way."

While villagers helped the ...shermen repair the damage, ...rmed police officers patrolled ...e shoreline day and night ...nder orders of Chief Pozzo ...

VICTIM: Luciano Cacheran was swallowed by the killer shark while spear fishing.

...ed bears a striking resem...blance to Robert Shaw, who portrayed the shark hunter in the movie.

Lake Amity Island in *Jaws*, Piombino depends on fishing and tourism for its livelihood. But fishing boats under 25 feet have been ordered to stay docked.

The nightmare began when Luciano Cacheran was swallowed whole by the killer shark while spear fishing. Destroying the creature has been a top priority ever since.

A marine biologist, like Richard Dreyfuss in *Jaws*, is heavily involved in the deadly hunt. His name is Dr. Roberto Benucci.

"There is no doubt we are dealing with a Great White of ...

...the beach. Chief Pozzo is much like Ben Scheider, the police chief in Steven Spielberg's fa...

SCENE from movie "Jaws" shows Quint (Robert Shaw) and Police Chief Brody (Ben Scheider) preparing for shark.

...smiling small boats. I don't think Signor Renaldi's boat can withstand a relentless attack by a shark of this magnitude. You certainly would not catch me in it."

But the two fearless fishermen are determined to destroy the savage denizen of the deep. They resumed the hunt amid the cheers and prayers of their friends and neighbors.

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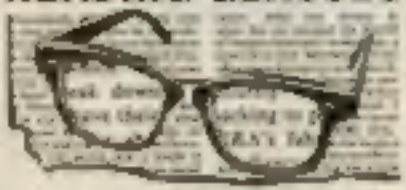

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